

SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Cave Rock at Lake Tahoe (Sled Dock Replacement) – Nevada:

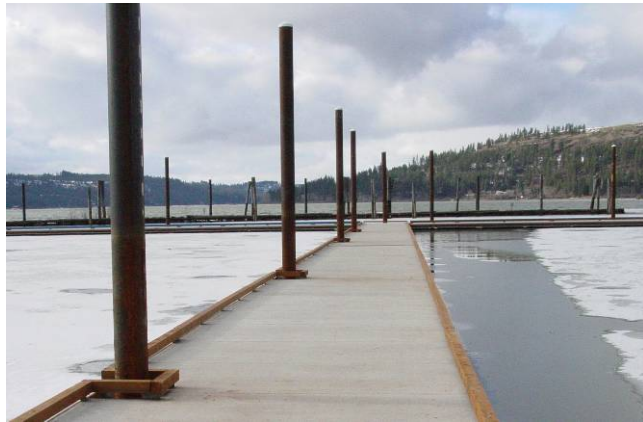
An existing boating access dock located at the Cave Rock unit of Lake Tahoe State Park will be replaced with a sled type dock to be situated between the two parallel boat ramps. This busy boat ramp (over 5,400 launches a year) has fallen into disrepair from years of weathering and heavy use and is unstable and wobbly. The new dock will provide safe and accessible access to recreational boaters using the Cave Rock area to launch their boats. Photo courtesy of Nevada Department of Wildlife.



Boat Access Project – Idaho:

The State used Federal funds to provide for operation, maintenance, renovation and improvement of State-managed motor boat access (over 150 sites) facilities. Projects typically include minor upgrades and/or additions (i.e., grading, paving, restroom replacement, ramp replacement, etc.). Increased emphasis on providing well-developed, signed, and maintained boating access sites will result in safe, accessible facilities throughout the State.

Photo courtesy of Idaho Department of Fish and Game.



Perry R. Bass Marine Fisheries Research Station – Texas:



Through funds from the Sport Fish Restoration program, the Perry R. Bass Marine Research Facility continues to be operated and maintained in order to provide research on several saltwater species. In addition to the innovative marine research being conducted at the site, the associated hatchery annually produces 4.5 million fry/fingerling of red drum and spotted sea trout. These fish generate more than 300,000 angler days annually along the Texas Gulf Coast. Photo courtesy of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Assured Sustainable Walleye Populations in 30 Northern Counties – Wisconsin:

Wisconsin DNR assured sustainable walleye populations while accommodating sport fish harvest and court-mandated tribal treaty fishing rights. In the 30 northern counties the Chippewa ceded to the U. S. government in 1854, we implemented federally-required monitoring of walleye and musky fish populations, and state and tribal harvest in the ceded territory's 860 walleye and 665 musky lakes. Comprehensive monitoring ensures that fish populations are not over-harvested and remain healthy. Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



Spring River State Fish Hatchery – Arkansas:

Sport Fish Restoration funds are helping the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission produce more recreational fish at their Jim Henkle/Spring River State Fish Hatchery. The hatchery produces and stocks rainbow and cutthroat



trout for Arkansas tailwater trout streams, spring creeks, and provides trout for their seasonal Urban and Community Trout Fishing Program as well as the South Arkansas Winter Trout Stocking Program. The facilities required upgrades to ensure a safe, efficient and sanitary operation. Sport Fish Restoration Funding has been utilized for two purposes at the hatchery-the design

and engineering phase (\$594,530); and the construction phase (\$3,870,000). Construction included a new fish production building, silos and raceways. Renovation of current facilities consisted of renovating existing silos and modernizing spillways. A mechanical vegetation removal system and an overhead predator control barrier were installed. In addition, motorization of the hatchery's dam gate is underway. Improvements made possible through Sport Fish Restoration have resulted in an increase in fish production from 400,000 pounds to 650,000 pounds annually. This increase in production will allow Arkansas to expand both their Urban and Community Trout Fishing Program and the South Arkansas Trout Program. Picture courtesy of Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Franklin Street Boat Ramp – Maryland:

A boating access grant helped to provide funding for improvements at a Cambridge, Md., boat ramp that provides direct access to the Choptank River and the Chesapeake Bay. The Franklin Street Boat Ramp was originally constructed in 1972, and its facilities were in disrepair and could not accommodate the needs of 500 recreational boaters a week on average. Construction improvements include six new launching lanes with support bulkhead and two new handicapped accessible boarding access piers. Picture courtesy of Maryland Department of Natural Resources.



Marine Fisheries Program – Massachusetts:

Marine fisheries research conducted by the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and supported by a Sport Fisheries Restoration Grant is unique in its broad scope of species studied. The program includes common anadromous species like striped bass, river herring and rainbow smelt. The striped bass research includes characterization of harvested fish, tagging live fish and analysis of diet composition. The focus of the river herring work is restoration of coastal spawning runs through improvement and development of fish passage structures at dams. Rainbow smelt spawning habitat and success are monitored. The physiology and relative abundance of pelagic species like tunas and large sharks are also studied by the State. Photos courtesy of Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries.



Strawberry Reservoir Sport Fish Management – Utah:

With 75% of the funding coming from the Sport Fish Restoration Fund, biologists with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources are managing the most popular sport fishery in Utah. Strawberry Reservoir is 17,000 surface acres at maximum pool. Approximately 1.4 million angler hours of fishing occur on Strawberry Reservoir annually. In 2004 the average summer catch rate was 0.61 fish per hour. This was the third highest catch rate ever recorded for Strawberry Reservoir going back to 1947. This project is managed by two full time biologist and many days of volunteer help from Strawberry Anglers (a volunteer angling group). The biologists work closely with the staff of the Uinta National Forest. Photo courtesy of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.



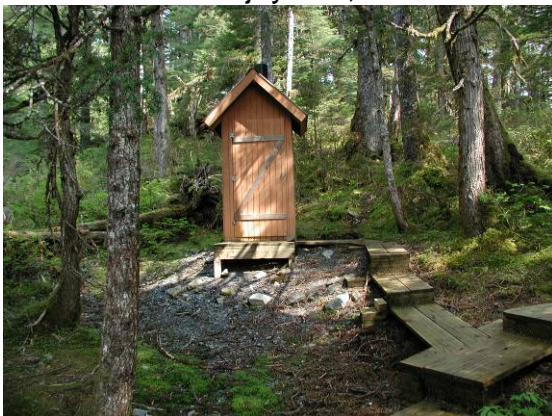
Prince William Sound, Alaska - Remote Moorage (Boat Access):

In 1989, the Exxon Valdez oil tanker spill brought world attention to the fragile beauty of Prince William Sound, Alaska (PWS). An offshoot of oil spill litigation was creation and funding of the Marine Recreation Program (MRP) within



Alaska's Department of Natural Resources. With hundreds of miles of undeveloped shores and generally clear water, PWS offers a variety of recreational fishing opportunities. Sport fisheries are primarily marine in nature and target salmon and bottom fish. The vast majority of recreational boaters and sport anglers launch out of the port of Whittier within a one-hour's drive from Anchorage, the

largest city in the state. This Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Restoration, State Boating Access project improved the remote, boat-accessible Surprise Cove State Marine Park location, which received four tent platforms, a pit latrine, bear-proof food locker, bulletin board and signage. The improvements provide camping amenities that minimize human impacts, create a more enjoyable, remote



camping experience, and encourage responsible use by a wide variety of recreational boaters, campers, and sport anglers.